



FOR THE YEAR 1917-1918

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

1. Bible Reading: The Sacrament of Giving (free).

2. WHAT

Let the leader ask the questions in the first section and the different members of the Society give the answers. The one who has the question "What of the Future?" may learn from her state secretary the state aims for 1918. Each church is asked to strive for a 15% increase in the enlistment of women, young women and children, subscribers to "Missions" and missionary contributions.

3. Reading: Grandmother's Philosophy (2c).

4. WHO

Quiz by leader: National and District officers: their duties.

5. WHERE

Display the Five Year Program posters (25 cents for set of eight). Have some one speak briefly about each chart, adding facts from THE GUIDE POST. Leave the chart, "The Whole Task" for the last. Have the society read it in concert. Ask the Treasurer to state the length of time for which the annual contribution of the circle cares. (Divide \$75,232, the cost of supporting the work for one day, by the amount the circle gives per year. The result will indicate the part of a day for which the circle cares.)

6. Thought Question: Is this the measure of our ability and consecration?

The GUIDE POST
for 1917-18

Indicates the way to a complete knowledge of the

WHAT WHO WHERE

of the

WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

Foreign Department—Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

Home Administration Dept.—450 E. 30th St., Chicago, Ill.

W H A T

WHAT IS THE WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY?

It is a Society comprising all women members of Baptist Churches in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention, and all women contributing to the Society. Membership in local circles or societies is secured through active participation in missionary work. The National Society received its present name in 1914, when the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West, both organized in 1871, were united into one Society.

WHAT RELATION DOES IT SUSTAIN TO THE DENOMINATION GENERALLY?

It is one of the co-operating Societies of the Northern Baptist Convention, a corporate body, organized in 1907, to promote the unity and efficiency of the denomination. These co-operating societies are the:

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

American Baptist Home Mission Society

American Baptist Publication Society

Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The Finance Committee of the Convention approves the budgets of the Co-operating Societies. These budgets include amounts expected from legacies and invested funds,

amounts to be secured from individuals and expected contributions from churches, (including all departments).

The General Apportionment Committee distributes to the churches, through the State Apportionment Committee, the amounts which it is expected the churches will contribute. Each Society makes its own plans for securing individual gifts.

For 1917-18, only one apportionment for foreign missions is sent to each church. This apportionment includes the amount to be used for the work of the A. B. F. M. S. (63%) and the amount to be used for the work of the W. A. B. F. M. S. (37%). Each church is asked to face unitedly the whole task, deciding for itself how best this may be done, whether through the use of duplex envelopes with one budget to cover all causes, or by a division of responsibility among the church proper and all its departments.

WHAT FORM OF ORGANIZATION HAS THE W. A. B. F. M. S.?

A President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, and twenty-seven other members constitute the Board of Managers. These officers are elected annually, and are unsalaried.

The Society is organized in two departments, the Foreign Department and the Home Administration Department, each with a Vice-President at its head.

The Foreign Department has in charge the direction of the work on the foreign field, and the examination and recommendation of missionary candidates. The

members of the Board from Boston and vicinity, with the Foreign Vice-President as Chairman, constitute the Foreign Department. The Foreign Secretary and the Associate Foreign and Candidate Secretary, Executive Officers of the Foreign Department, also the Treasurer, have headquarters in the Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

Since the work in foreign fields is so closely linked with that of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, it is a great advantage that both Societies have headquarters in the same building. The hearty sympathy, co-operation and wise counsel of the Board of Managers of the A. B. F. M. S. are of great value. This co-operation, and that of the Reference Committees on the field, lessen the responsibility and strengthen the work of our Foreign Department.

The Home Administration Department is responsible for the organization, education and inspiration of the forces at home, that the work in the foreign field may be supported. It works in the closest harmony and co-operation with the Home Department of the A. B. F. M. S., the two uniting in their presentation to the churches of the great foreign mission enterprise for which the Baptist denomination is responsible.

The Home Administration Department is organized in three sections:

1. The Administrative, which looks after the work of organization, putting the policies and plans of the Society into operation, and other administrative matters.
2. The Field, which cares for the educational and inspirational work throughout the territory by the use of Field Secretaries, missionaries on furlough and other workers.

3. The Publication, which publishes and sends out to the constituency literature needed for its information and stimulation, reports of the condition and progress of the work abroad, and annual reports of the Society.

The headquarters of the Home Administration Department are at 450 E. 30th St., Chicago, Ill.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES ARE COMMITTED TO THE CONSTITUENCY GENERALLY?

The task is so large, and the opportunities so numerous that the territory has been divided into ten districts, each one with an organization modeled after the National Society, and with the responsibility for developing its own constituency. All District Officers are unsalaried.

Each District is responsible for a definite share of the work of the Society on the foreign field, including the salaries of certain missionaries and the support of certain schools, hospitals, buildings, native evangelists, and other workers.

Thirty-four states are included in the territory of the Society. In these are 78 State Secretaries, Senior, Young Woman's and Children's and 656 Association Secretaries. Through them it is possible to reach every member of the Constituency of the Society. Nineteen of the states are themselves organized.

It is our aim to have a Woman's Missionary Society in every church, and to have the young women and children organized for missionary instruction and service.

The W. A. B. F. M. S. promotes its work for young women jointly with the W. A. B.

H. M. S. under an organization called the WORLD WIDE GUILD, with Miss Alma J. Noble, Executive Secretary, and Miss Helen Crissman, Field Secretary.

The work for children under 12 years of age is conducted also in co-operation with the W. A. B. H. M. S. through an organization known as the Children's World Crusade. This works in harmony with the Sunday School and aims to develop in all children an intelligence concerning missionary work, and a consciousness that it is the duty of all Christians to help in saving the world. The Executive Secretary is Miss Mary Noble.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The Five Year Program is bringing results, as the following tables show:

	Reported March, 1915	Reported March, 1916	Reported March, 1917	Districts Attaining 1917 Goal	States Attaining 1917 Goal	Aim March, 1918	F. Y. P. Aim
1. Women's Societies	3,270	3,664	4,192	2	11	4,700	5,000
2. Women enlisted	100,941	106,914	131,082	3	16	151,000	250,000
3. Young Women's Societies	589	1,241	1,874*	6	20	2,200	3,000
4. Young Women enlisted..	4,216	18,505	21,127	3	11	30,000	50,000
5. Children's Societies	596	864	584	..	5	1,300	2,500
6. Children enlisted	11,402	19,596	15,018	1	11	28,000	37,500
7. Sunday Schools enlisted.	1,077	1,538	2,233	3	15	2,800	5,000
8. Subscribers to MISSIONS.	36,576	42,049	43,819	1	5	55,000	100,000
9. Receipts on Apportionment	\$214,021	\$251,426	\$259,377	5	19	\$288,600	\$420,000
10. Total Income	\$275,963	\$325,671	\$441,750	4	17	\$410,000	\$650,000

*1917 objective attained.

A determined effort by every State to attain every goal will guarantee success for the future.

W H O

WHO ARE THE OFFICERS FOR 1917-18?

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Honorary President, Mrs. John Edwin Scott, Pasadena, Cal.

President, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, 144 Dartmouth St., Rochester, N. Y .

Foreign Vice-President, Mrs. H. W. Peabody, Beverly, Mass.

Home Administration Vice-President, Mrs. Andrew MacLeish, 459 Longwood Ave.,
Glencoe, Ill.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. E. Adams, 2033 E. 88th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Honorary Foreign Secretary, Mrs. H. G. Safford, Ford Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Foreign Secretary, Miss Nellie G. Prescott, Ford Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Associate Foreign and Candidate Secretary, Miss Helen Hunt, Ford Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Home Administration Secretary, Miss Eleanor Mare, 450 E. 30th St., Chicago, Ill.

General Field Secretary, Miss Ella D. MacLaurin, 450 E. 30th St., Chicago, Ill.

Treasurer, Miss Alice E. Stedman, Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

Publisher, Miss Frances K. Burr, 450 E. 30th St., Chicago, Ill.

World Wide Guild Executive Secretary, Miss Alma J. Noble, 200 Bryant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

World Wide Guild Field Secretary, Miss Helen R. Crissman, 2969 Vernon Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Children's World Crusade Secretary, Miss Mary Noble, 200 Bryant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Jubilee Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Harriet Newell Jones, 4341 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

The BOARD OF MANAGERS is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Recording Secretary, the Foreign and Home Administration Vice-Presidents of each District and seven members at large.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Mrs. G. B. Germond, Honorary Member.

Mrs. Geo. W. Bodwell, Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. C. D. Eulette, 6342 Normal Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

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Mrs. W. A. McKinney, 5549 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Mrs. Milton Shirk, Kenwood Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

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DISTRICT OFFICERS

Atlantic District

President—Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, 4107 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Foreign Vice-President—Mrs. Edgar O. Silver, 66 N. Walnut St., East Orange, N. J.

Home Administration Vice-President—Mrs. H. N. Jones, 4341 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Young Woman's Secretary—Miss Grace Hales, 115 E. Upsall St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Central District

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Foreign Vice-President—Miss Elizabeth Church, 3144 Vernon Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Home Administration Vice-President—Mrs. David W. Beggs, 409 Park Road, La Grange, Ill.

Treasurer—Mrs. C. H. Otis, 5431 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Young Woman's Secretary—Miss Alice Brimson, 426 W. 62nd St., Chicago, Ill.

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President—Miss E. M. MacDowell, 201 17th St., Olympia, Wash.

Foreign Vice-President—Mrs. G. F. Dearborn, 108 Ward St., Seattle, Wash.

Home Administration Vice-President—Mrs. James Failing, 243 11th St., Portland, Ore.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. E. A. Smith, 711 E. Davis St., Portland, Ore.

Young Woman's Secretary—Mrs. Henry Elliott, Jr., 200½ New York Block, Seattle, Wash.

East Central District

President—Mrs. F. P. Beaver, 215 W. Second St., Dayton, Ohio.

Foreign Vice-President—Miss Margaret Day, P. O. Box 52, Indianapolis, Ind.

Home Administration Vice-President—Mrs. C. H. Prescott, 1624 Hazel Drive, Cleveland, Ohio.

Treasurer—Miss Alberta C. Dickinson, 2033 E. 88th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

New England District

President—Mrs. F. E. Crawford, 703 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

Foreign Vice-President—Miss Ada Brigham, 40 Chase St., Newton Centre, Mass.

Home Administration Vice-President—Miss Grace T. Colburn, 1335 Centre St., Newton Centre, Mass.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. L. Anderson, 169 Homer St., Newton Centre, Mass.

Young Woman's Secretary—Miss Marion Clapp, 67 Winchester Ave., Brookline, Mass.

New York District

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Foreign Vice-President—Mrs. Walter C. Mason, Skaneateles, N. Y.

Home Administration Vice-President—Mrs. R. B. Montgomery, 484 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Treasurer—Mrs. George A. Vaughn, 441 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Young Woman's Secretary—Mrs. James H. Pratt, 1000 Park Ave., New York City.

Northwestern District

President—Mrs. D. D. MacLaurin, 141 W. Gilman St., Madison, Wis.

Foreign Vice-President—

Home Administration Vice-President—Mrs. George E. Young, 3021 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. A. Thayer, 1930 S. Irving Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

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Rocky Mountain District

President—Mrs. T. S. Young, 78 Sherman St., Denver, Colo.

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Home Admin. Vice-President—Mrs. R. B. Smith, 1314 Downing St., Denver, Colo.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Schlotter, 326 E. San Rafael St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Young Woman's Secretary—Mrs. John A. Weaver, Greeley, Colo.
Children's Secretary—Miss May Moss, Colorado Springs, Colo.

South Pacific District

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Foreign Vice-President—Mrs. Grace Goodspeed Van Zandt, Box 234, San Diego, Cal.
Home Admin. Vice-President—Mrs. T. S. Tompkins, 779 S. Pasadena Ave., Pasadena, Cal.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. M. Brough, Biggs, Cal.
Young Woman's Secretary—Miss Genevra Brunner, 152 N. Parkview, Los Angeles, Cal.

West Central District

President—Mrs. R. W. Ramsay, 613 Laramie St., Atchison, Kan.
Foreign Vice-President—Mrs. S. E. Price, 946 Cedar St., Ottawa, Kansas.
Home Admin. Vice-President—Mrs. Edw. Johnson, 3220 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, Neb.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. B. Long, 31 S. Main St., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

WHERE

WHERE DO THE MISSIONARIES WORK?

In Burma, the largest and richest province of India, where after more than a century of endeavor, the Baptists number over seventy thousand in more than a thousand churches, 72 per cent of which are self-supporting.

Recent statistics show 8,406 boys and 5,004 girls in 39 boarding, 17 day and 168 village schools taught by 569 native teachers. A veteran missionary in charge of one of the boarding schools says, "I have one most urgent plea to offer. Since I came to Burma, nearly fifty years ago, all the missionaries have worked hard to get the girls to come to school. Now the girls wish to come and there is no room. For Jesus' sake, I ask help for these girls."

In Assam, where Baptist missionaries speak fifteen different languages among people of 167 different tongues. Five Bible women and 137 native teachers supplement the work of our eleven single women missionaries. In one hill town a three day meeting was held with a group of about ninety, of whom thirty-five were women and children. They walked twenty miles and then built for themselves tents of grass and branches of trees. Several women were baptized, services were held, and medicine given and sold to those who needed it. After the missionaries left, the native Christians walked the twenty miles back to their village to tell all that had been done and the messages they had heard.

In South India, where we have 340 schools, 295 Sunday Schools, six hospitals and five dispensaries, more than eight hundred native helpers. One medical missionary says, "The year has been full of work of various kinds. I have spent much of it in looking after the school children, visiting the sick people in Government hospitals, and when the plague broke out, doing work in the plague camp, which I visited daily, at the request of the health officer in charge."

In Bengal Orissa, the field cultivated by the Free Baptists, now part of our fellowship. An orphanage and a widows' home, as well as kindergartens and schools are cared for by the eight Free Baptist women missionaries who are now missionaries of the W. A. B. F. M. S.

In China, with its teeming millions, where the forty-one women who represent our Society have helped mould the lives of 2,300 boys and girls during the past year. More than 20,000 have been treated in the five hospitals and three dispensaries. At one Sunday morning service in the hospital, after a nurse had testified to the power of the gospel, seven men and one woman expressed their desire to follow Christ. One of these was a medical student.

In Japan, where a great evangelistic campaign recently closed with a thanksgiving service attended by more than a thousand Japanese Christians. The educational work includes a flourishing kindergarten system with a Kindergarten Training School, a Young Woman's Dormitory, six Boarding Schools and a Bible Woman's Training School. In the

Mary Colby School at Kanagawa, the new college department has an enrollment of 16.

In Africa, where we have had only two single women missionaries. Two graduate teachers are added to the force this year. Four more are needed. The plans for the future include our share in the erection of four Baptist hospitals in strategic centers and the sending out of six women nurses to work in those hospitals.

In the Philippine Islands, where in kindergarten, hospital, dormitory, orphanage, Academy, and Bible Woman's Training School our thirteen missionaries are winning and building up a host of stalwart Christian young men and women.

The work of the past year in these non-Christian lands is summed up in the following figures:

765	Village Schools
16	Kindergartens
67	Town and City Day Schools
106	Boarding and Day Schools
35,994	Pupils
862	Sunday Schools
2,586	Baptisms
285	Bible Women
26	Hospitals and Dispensaries
73,042	Patients

WHERE MAY I OBTAIN MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION?

"Missions."

"The Annual Report."

"Our Work in the Orient."

"Oriental Gardens," and other literature listed in the Catalog of Publications of the Society.

WHAT—WHO—WHERE

WHAT SHALL I DO?

Study the field.

Give as you are able.

Pray earnestly, constantly, "THY KINGDOM COME."

WHO NEEDS ME?

You, with the other women and girls of the Northern Baptist Convention, are responsible for the evangelization of 30,000,000 women and girls in non-Christian lands. Your sisters of the Orient need you.

WHERE SHALL I SERVE?

Wherever you are needed:

In Church, Association, State or District organization;

In the Sunday School, the Children's World Crusade, the World Wide Guild
or the Woman's Society;

As a worker at home, or on the foreign field.

